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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NAMES JERRY LEE STEGMAN TO HEAD RIVER BASIN STUDIES PROGRAM

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that Jerry Lee Stegman, 42, has been appointed to head the agency's Division of River Basin Studies which surveys the effects on fish and wildlife of federally initiated, sponsored or licensed water development projects.

Stegman has spent his Federal career, which began in 1958, in the Fish and Wildlife Service. In the past year Stegman has been an administrator in the Atlanta regional office. As the new River Basin chief, Stegman replaces Daniel Slater, who is retiring.

The division, expanded from 200 to 300 employees in the past year to reflect its increasing function under the Environmental Policy Act and new agency policies, has been giving increased thrust to combating objectionable aspects of coastal wetlands development and stream channelization.

In Atlanta, Stegman was responsible for bringing into the courts several private developers who were operating in coastal wetlands without required Federal permits.

The new River Basin chief joined the Service as a fishery biologist in Vicksburg, Miss. Positions of increasing responsibility took him to Vero Beach, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., Phoenix, Ariz., and Billings, Mont., before Atlanta and now Washington.

Stegman majored in zoology at Kansas State College (B.S. 1957) and Southern Illinois University (M.S. 1958).

Since 1951, he has been married to the former Arlene Mae Larsen of Lincoln, Kans. They have three children: Debra 19, Douglas 14 and Craig 12.

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